

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ST. JOHN WEST
SHORE HOSPITAL

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the opening of the new Cardiac & Critical Care Pavilion and the Rainbow RapidCare Program at St. John West Shore Hospital in Westlake, Ohio.

The Cardiac & Critical Care Pavilion is a \$9 million, two-story addition to the hospital's south side that will house all of the hospital's cardiac and critical care services. The Pavilion comprises not only 40,000 square feet of new space, but also 15,000 square feet of renovated existing space and 37 new beds. Providing a facility that will enhance convenience and accessibility for both patients and family members, the cardiac services will continue to meet the growing needs of Western Cuyahoga and Eastern Lorain Counties' residents. Under the medical direction of Drs. Dale Levy, MD; Muhammed Zarha, MD; Naim Farhat, MD and Timothy Taylor, DO, the Cardiac & Critical Care Pavilion will offer high quality service to patients in need of care.

The Rainbow RapidCare Program is also a facility that is growing to meet the needs of local families, and is committed to providing the best care possible for children and parents. Rainbow RapidCare is an urgent care center for children and adolescents with minor injuries and ailments, staffed by a team of physicians and nurses trained in Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine. Combining the resources of St. John West Shore Hospital and Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital, the program has been organized under the medical direction of Drs. John Bennet, MD and Emory Patrick, MD and under the nursing leadership of Katie Dixon, RN.

I commend all those involved in the establishment of these valuable medical facilities, and wish them every success for the future. Fellow Congressmen, please join with me in honoring the opening of these new and welcome additions to the St. John West Shore Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ARCH-
BISHOP REMBERT WEAKLAND ON
RECEIVING THE VISION FOR MIL-
WAUKEE AWARD

HON. GERALD D. KLECZKA

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. KLECZKA. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the Reverend Rembert Weakland, Archbishop of Milwaukee's Catholic Archdiocese, who has been awarded the Milwaukee Ethnic Council's Vision for Milwaukee Award. Each year, this award is presented to an individual or organi-

zation for outstanding service to the community, and this year's recipient is certainly deserving of this prestigious honor.

The Archbishop began his Religious Life as a Benedictine monk at Solesmes Abbey in France, and was ordained to the Priesthood in 1951 at Subiaco, Italy. His lifelong love of music led him to pursue musical studies in Europe, as well as at the prestigious Juilliard School of Music in New York, and Columbia University, where he just recently received a Ph.D. "with distinction" in Musicology from Columbia University.

First a music teacher at St. Vincent College, he went on to become Chancellor and Chairman of the Board of Directors. In 1967, he was elected Abbot Primate of the International Benedictine Confederation, and was appointed Chancellor of the International Benedictine College of Sant'Anselmo, Rome, Italy. On September 20th, 1977, Rembert Weakland was appointed Archbishop of Milwaukee by Pope Paul VI, and is the spiritual leader of nearly 700,000 Catholics in 10 Wisconsin counties.

Although "Strengthening bridges to harmony, respect and understanding" is actually the Milwaukee Ethic Council's mission statement, it also very aptly describes Archbishop Weakland's life's work. For nearly 23 years, the Archbishop has served the people of this area with great integrity and humanity. He is one of our community's most respected leaders, by Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Archbishop Weakland has worked hard to strengthen dialogue between area Catholics and members of other denominations. He has fostered an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation amongst the faith community in our area.

Always a strong advocate for social justice, the Archbishop has expanded the archdiocese's involvement in anti-poverty issues, providing assistance to inner city families in our area. One of his remaining goals in his final years before retirement is to get the Roman Catholic Church more involved in solving social problems in the central city. At a recent Jubilee-year gathering, Archbishop Weakland joined with other area Christian leaders in support of improved international debt relief for poor nations and increased assistance to the poor and disenfranchised in our own community.

It is, therefore, quite fitting that the Milwaukee Ethic Council bestow the Vision for Milwaukee Award upon Archbishop Weakland, for he serves his Lord, his Church, and the people of Milwaukee with great vision and heart. Please join me in congratulating him on receiving this award, so richly deserved. May God's blessings continue to enrich his life and his ministry.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENTER-
PRISE INTEGRATION ACT OF 2000

HON. JAMES A. BARCIA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 20, 2000

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Enterprise Integration Act of 2000, a bill that is designed to help U.S. small manufacturers in nine key industries stay competitive in the electronic enterprise age. The legislation instructs the Director of National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), through various NIST labs, the Malcolm Baldrige Quality Program, and the Manufacturing Extension Program, to work with the auto, aerospace, furniture, ship-building, textile, apparel, electronics, home building and major construction industries on the establishment of an industry-led effort at enterprise integration. If an industry has not begun an effort, NIST would be asked to help convene companies and trade associations in the industry to develop a strategy for developing and implementing a unified vision for supply chain integration. If efforts are already underway, NIST is to support the ongoing efforts, helping in the development of the expertise necessary for the enterprise integration to take place. NIST is asked to look at the suite of standards now in place and to help fill the holes in areas such as compatibility of older standards with emerging Internet standards. The bill authorizes appropriations of \$10 million for FY 2001 and \$15 million for FY 2002, and such sums as are necessary in subsequent years.

As impressive as the growth of Internet companies has been, its impact pales in significance to the impact that the Internet is having on how businesses work together. A key example is use of the Internet for enterprise integration in the manufacturing sector that permits a manufacturer and its suppliers to function as one virtual company. Companies will be able to exchange information of all types with their suppliers at the speed of light. Design cycle times and inter-company costs of manufacturing complex products will shrink. Information on design flaws will be instantly transmitted from repair shops to manufacturers and their supply chains.

Enterprise integration is occurring now because of today's computers and communications capabilities and because the Internet provides a practical medium for exchanging large amounts of manufacturing information in real-time. These technological advances coincided with the establishment in 1994 of an international data exchange standard that begins the process of permitting companies to share designs and engineering and manufacturing data even if they are written in different computer languages. However, this will be possible in individual industries only after the development of thousands of pages of instructions on how to translate every nuance of every drawing and every instruction for a specific industry.

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